

level Apex marketing institutions be encouraged for marketing activities.

[English]

**ICICI's Agreement with Bank of New York**

**6841. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India negotiated for a guarantee worth \$ 100 million for export and import with Bank of New York and Lazard Freres and Company in February, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the loss suffered by ICICI in the deal, if any?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Export of Tea to commonwealth of Independent State**

**6842. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in the export of Indian tea to the erstwhile Soviet Union:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the orders received for the export of tea to the Commonwealth of

Independent States including Russia during the year 1992-93?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMANKHURSHEED):** (a) and (b). The export of tea to erstwhile USSR from India during 1991 was estimated at 104.5 Million Kgs. with an export earnings of Rs. 546.85 crores compared to the export of 128.6 Million Kgs. valued at Rs. 670.72 crores in 1990 indicating a decline of 24.1 Million Kgs. In respect of volumes and Rs. 123.87 crores in respect of export earnings.

(c) Trade provision for exports of tea from India to Russian Federation during 1992 is fixed at 60 Million Kgs. on rupee payment basis. Similarly in respect of Uzbekistan a protocol for export of 3 Million Kgs. of tea with a value of US \$6.10 Million has been signed. In respect of Kazakhstan 15000 tonnes of tea has been agreed for export from India.

[English]

**Recommendations of Vohra Committee**

**6843. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the recommendations made by B. B. Vohra Committee;

(b) the total amount required for the development and maintenance of National Highways as recommended by Vohra Committee? and

(c) the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Committee;

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):** (a) Salient aspect on which the Committee gave its rec-